

***Listing of Claims:***

1. (Currently Amended) A computer program product for facilitating an enterprise change, residing in a computer readable medium, having a plurality of instructions stored thereon, which, when executed by a processor, cause the processor to perform operations comprising:  
  
executing, via two or more source systems represented by a single logical information system, a pre-change due diligence and post-change integration of the enterprise change, the enterprise change being at least one of a merger and acquisition, the source systems interacting with databases through base system connectors using a markup language, the base system connectors including an interface with remote function call capability; and  
  
displaying a user interface on a computer display to conduct a merger activity, wherein the user interface includes a project management tab providing features to define a merger and acquisition project from a merger and acquisition template, the features including:  
  
creating a task force and assigning team members to the task force;  
  
generating a schedule for the task force to follow;  
  
generating project proposals to be completed by the task force; and  
  
publishing information about the task force, schedule, and project proposals to  
  
one or more stakeholders.
2. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 1 wherein the user interface is adapted to allow a stakeholder to plan and manage the merger activity, the user interface further adapted to access one or more merger resources.

3. (Currently Amended) A computer program product, residing in a computer readable medium, having a plurality of instructions stored thereon, which, when executed by a processor, cause the processor to perform operations comprising:

executing, via a single logical physically distributed information system representing one or more source systems of at least two enterprises that are being combined, one or more pre-merger activities, merger activities, and post-merger activities, the source systems interacting with databases through base system connectors using a markup language, the base system connectors including an interface with remote function call capability; and

displaying a user interface on a computer display to access the single logical physically distributed information system, wherein the user interface includes a project management tab providing features to define a merger and acquisition project from a merger and acquisition template, the features including:

creating a task force and assigning team members to the task force;

generating a schedule for the task force to follow;

generating project proposals to be completed by the task force; and

publishing information about the task force, schedule, and project proposals to one or more stakeholders.

4. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 3, wherein the user interface is adapted to at least one of a role of the user and a phase of the merger, wherein the user role comprises an internal expert and an external expert of one of the enterprises, wherein the internal expert comprises at least one of an executive,

an employee, a manager, an investor, and an owner of one of the enterprises,  
wherein the external expert comprises at least one of a consultant and an auditor.

5. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 4, wherein the role of the user further comprises a stakeholder affected with one or more merger closing consequences, wherein the one or more merger activities comprise an organizational restructuring, a personnel redeployment, a merger project management, a procurement management, a personnel retainment, and an integration of operational services.

6-23. (Cancelled)

24. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 1, wherein the markup language is extensible markup language.

25. (Cancelled)

26. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 25 1 wherein the interface is an encapsulated postscript interface.

27. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 3, wherein the markup language is extensible markup language.

28. (Cancelled)

29. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim ~~28~~ 3 wherein the interface is an encapsulated postscript interface.

30. (New) A computer program product for facilitating an enterprise change, residing in a computer readable medium, having a plurality of instructions stored thereon, which, when executed by a processor, cause the processor to perform operations comprising:

executing, via two or more source systems represented by a single logical information system, a pre-change due diligence and post-change integration of the enterprise change, the enterprise change being at least one of a merger and acquisition, the source systems interacting with databases through base system connectors using a web service; and

displaying a user interface on a computer display to conduct a merger activity, wherein the user interface includes a project management tab providing features to define a merger and acquisition project from a merger and acquisition template, the features including:

creating a task force and assigning team members to the task force;

generating a schedule for the task force to follow;

generating project proposals to be completed by the task force; and

publishing information about the task force, schedule, and project proposals to one or more stakeholders.

31. (New) The computer program product of claim 30, wherein the web service includes simple object access protocol.

32. (New) The computer program product of claim 30, wherein the merger and acquisition template interacts with metadata.

33. (New) The computer program product of claim 32, wherein the metadata is included in at least one of a database and a repository in a persistence/repository layer.